

**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, December 13,  
1801, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Washington Dec. 13. 1801.

Dear Sir

I received last night your favor of the 8th and I readily embrace both ideas of amendment suggested by you. I will pray you therefore in the last page of the letter, lines 8 & 10 to strike out the words 'him, and executed with the aid of the Federal executive? these' and insert "them. They' or rather turn 'him' into 'them' by prefixing a t, and putting a loop to the i, thus e and turn 'these' into they by writing a y on the se. And obliterate the intermediate words with the pen. Indeed the word these was first written they, so that it may be restored by scratching with the point of a knife.

In cleaning the Post-office, Davies must be removed. Pray recommend to me one or more good characters. The place is profitable, and worthy the acceptance of gentlemen of respectable standing in society; and to such I would wish to give offices, because they would add respect & strength to the administration, & besides pecuniary security, give us their character as a pledge of fidelity. Perhaps some member of your council would be proper, but of this judge yourself on view of all circumstances saying nothing about it. Health & affectionate esteem. Th. Jefferson

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